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City Bikeway Program To Hold Public Meeting Series *Public Works Department seeks public input on trail design*

The City of Houston Bikeway Program will conduct a series of public meetings to gather citizen comments on fourteen new Houston Bikeway Program trail projects. These projects will create linear parks that include 10-foot wide, multi-use trails along bayous and abandoned railroads in addition to connectors that enhance the connectivity of the citywide bikeway network.

“These meetings offer an opportunity for interested parties to come and review the project concepts with the design team,” said Lilibeth André, Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator for the City of Houston. “The design teams have surveyed the area for each of these projects and are aware of preliminary environmental, right-of-way, hydrological and other conditions that will allow them to respond to citizen comments. This is a great opportunity for citizens to participate in the development of the design of new bikeways in their neighborhoods.”

Public comments and final studies will help influence the final design for the 80 new miles of bikeways represented by the fourteen projects. Final designs are scheduled for completion by December of this year. The completed designs will be delivered to the Texas Department of Transportation for their review and afterwards the projects will be bid out for construction. The estimated completion date for the construction of these projects is December 2003. They are a part of the 180 new miles of bikeway projects currently underway bringing the total for the entire Houston bikeway network to 380 miles.

For more information about the Houston Bikeway Program and the upcoming public meetings, visit houstonbikeways.org or call (713) 837-0003.

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Thursday, August 15, 2002, anytime between 6-8 p.m.

Buffalo Bayou West, Heights & North Side Bike Trails
West End Multi-Service Center, Bldg. 3 Auditorium, 170 Heights Blvd.

Monday, August 19, 2002, anytime between 6-8 p.m.

Keegans Bayou & Brays Bayou Bike Trails
Jewish Community Center, 5601 Braeswood

Tuesday, August 20, 2002, anytime between 6-8 p.m.

Westchase Bike Trail
Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 West Center Cr.

Thursday, August 22, 2002, anytime between 6-8 p.m.

Columbia Tap Bike Trail Extension
University of Houston's Cullen College of Engineering
Engineering Bldg. No. 1 Lobby (Campus Entrance No. 19)

Tuesday, August 27, 2002, anytime between 6-8p.m.

Buffalo Bayou East Bike Trail (Houston Heritage Trail)
University of Houston, One Main Street, White Oak Room A-300

Thursday, August 29, 2002, anytime between 6-8 p.m.

Halls Bayou Bike Trail
Tidwell Park, 9720 Spaulding

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